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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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In response to the final Office Action dated October 7, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the Office Action") and the Advisory Action dated December 23, 2004, the Applicant hereby requests continued examination of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and entry of the following amendments to the above-referenced application. This Response is being submitted within three months of the date of the Office Action. No fees for an extension of time are believed to be due. The fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is enclosed herewith.

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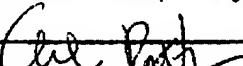
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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).**FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2005** Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEES CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity**Fee (\$)**

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)****Multiple Dependent Claims****Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____

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Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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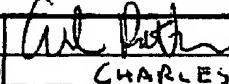
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